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In the matter of Eligibility Criteria and) Docket No. 07-SB-1
 Conditions of Incentives (Senate Bill 1))
)
) Notice of Staff Workshop
) RE: Senate Bill 1 Guidelines

Notice of Staff Workshop on Proposed Revisions to the Guidelines for California’s Solar Electric Incentive Programs (Senate Bill 1)

The California Energy Commission staff will conduct a workshop to discuss proposed revisions to the *Guidelines for California’s Solar Electric Incentive Programs (Senate Bill 1), Fifth Edition (SB 1 Guidelines)*. Commissioners may attend the staff workshop.

THURSDAY, November 1, 2012
 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
 CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION
 1516 Ninth Street
 First Floor, Hearing Room B
 Sacramento, California
 (Wheelchair Accessible)

Remote Attendance and Availability of Documents

Internet Webcast - Presentations and audio from the meeting will be broadcast via our WebEx web meeting service. For details on how to participate via WebEx, please see the “Remote Attendance” section toward the end of this notice.

Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to present a summary of proposed changes to the *SB 1 Guidelines* and to solicit comments from interested parties.

Potential revisions are proposed for the following subjects: 1) photovoltaic solar system field verification sampling conducted by the program administrator, 2) criteria for approving renewable energy system components that are eligible for solar electric incentives under SB 1, and 3) procedure for removing equipment from the Energy Commission’s Eligible Equipment Lists which include PV modules, inverters and meters.

Background

Senate Bill 1 (Murray, Chapter 132, Statutes of 2006, §4) directs the Energy Commission to establish eligibility criteria, conditions for incentives, and rating standards for projects applying for ratepayer-funded incentives for solar energy systems. According to Senate Bill 1, this document establishes minimum guidelines to implement California's solar energy system incentive programs overseen by the Energy Commission, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) and local publicly owned electric utilities (POUs).

Senate Bill 1 builds on the CPUC's California Solar Initiative (CSI) program, Energy Commission's New Solar Homes Partnership (NSHP), and existing publicly owned utility solar energy system incentive programs. Senate Bill 1 directs total expenditures of up to \$3,350,800,000 by 2017 (Senate Bill 585, enacted on September 22, 2011, increased the cost limit of the California Solar Initiative to \$3,550,800,000). The goals of the program are to install solar energy systems with a generation capacity equivalent of 3,000 megawatts; to establish a self-sufficient solar industry in 10 years so that solar energy systems are a viable mainstream option for homes and commercial buildings; and in 13 years to put solar energy systems on 50 percent of new homes. The overall goal is to help build a self-sustaining solar electricity market combined with improved energy efficiency in the state's residential and non-residential buildings.

The *SB 1 Guidelines* were originally adopted at a Business Meeting on December 19, 2007. The *SB 1 Guidelines* were revised and adopted at subsequent Business Meetings: Second Edition, December 3, 2008; Third Edition, June 23, 2010; and Fourth Edition, July 13, 2011.

Written Comments

Please submit written comments on the draft Guidelines to the Dockets Unit by 5:00 p.m. on November 15, 2012.

The Energy Commission encourages comments by e-mail. Please include your name and any organization name. Comments should be in downloadable and in a searchable format such as Microsoft® Word (.doc) or Adobe® Acrobat® (.pdf). Please include the docket number 07-SB-1 and indicate *Staff Workshop on the Proposed Revisions to the SB 1 Guidelines* in the subject line. Send comments to docket@energy.ca.gov.

To expedite staff's review of your comments, please also submit an electronic version to renewable@energy.ca.gov.

If you prefer, you may send a paper copy of your comments to:

California Energy Commission
Dockets Office, MS-4
Re: Docket No. 07-SB-1
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Sacramento, CA 95814-5512

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Media inquiries should be sent to the Media and Public Communications Office at mediaoffice@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-4989.

If you have questions on the subject matter of this workshop, please contact Jim Folkman at Jim.Folkman@energy.ca.gov or (916) 654-5116.

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